Change in the Name of Chandrapur Ordnance Factory

608. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received by Government from the people of Chandrapur (Maharashtra) including workers and their unions for converting the name of the Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur and the surrounding residential area into the name of the Indira Gandhi Nagar;

(b) since when these proposals have been pending with Government; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) No proposal from the people of Chandrapur has been received. However, a letter dated 19th February, 1987 from the General Secretary of the Employees Union (INTUC) of Ordnance Factory, Chanda addressed to the Hon'ble Shri Naresh C. Puglia, MP, was received from the Hon'ble MP on 27th February, 1987 requesting that Ordnance Factory Chandrapur be named as Indira Nagar Chandrapur at par with Javahar Nagar Bhandara. A reply was sent to the Hon'ble MP on 26th June, 1987 that it was proposed to discuss the matter with the Hon'ble MP during his visit to Delhi for the current session of the Parliament. The details of this proposal were needed to be discussed, before the decision was taken.

Examination of Budgetary Deficit

609. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has examined the question of budgetary deficit and its effect on the economy of the country;

(b) whether any proposals have been made by the Commission to limit the deficit; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission as a part of its normal functions monitors the economic and financial trends including budgetary deficit. Keeping in view the effects of budgetary deficit on the economy, the Prime Minister, while presenting the 1987-88 Central budget, has already indicated that the Budget deficit of Rs. 5688 crores estimated for the current year shall not be allowed to be exceeded.

Mass Communication Media

610. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to see that the media of mass communication strengthen the democratic foundations in the country and counter fissiparous tendencies; and

(b) whether any periodic evaluation is made of the results achieved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) One of the standing guidelines of the official media units is that the activities of the media should become an input in the nation building tasks and they must strengthen the confidence of the people, promote the concept of self-reliance and encourage forces of unity and national harmony. The media units are continuously putting out programmes under all relevant formats towards this objective. All India Radio and Doordarshan also cover the proceedings of Parliament and the various State Legislatures for news. On the eve of the various Sessions of Parliament, AIR and Doordarshan